RNA FOR A BETTER LIFE IN THE HEIGHTS

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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CRIME IN OUR STREETS: OR WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

There has been a steady deterioration in our neighborhood in the last six months to the point where people are afriad to walk out at night and certain street corners are controlled by gangs of hoodlums. The areas of Franklin Street from Ogden Avenue to Webster Avenue, Palisade Avenue and Franklin, Palisade and Hutton Street and Palisade and Griffth Street are prime examples of the state of lawlessnes in our neighborhood. Store owners are being threatened by these hoodlums and then told not to talk to the police. The illegal activites that take place at these locations are always involving drugs and violence. These hoodlums use the street corners as their offices to conduct business either on foot, bicycles or in cars. The accompanying problems of vandalism, robbery, loud music, harrassment of residents and visitors, and litter are also ominously present.

After a series of calls to the Police Dept. and City Hall, the Police Tactical Patrol Unit (TPU) started working in the area giving out tickets and monitoring and breaking up the groups of people hanging out on the corners.

Finally the situation reached such a critical point that members of RNA met with Mayor McCann on March 12th at City Hall. We presented him with a list of the problem buildings and a map of the area (we had previously presented these same items to the TPU). He promised his full cooperation and stated that he would walk through the neighborhood with us.

On March 19th, RNA held a meeting with the businessowners of Palisade Avenue to ask them to help with these problems of crime and litter. We discussed the issues for about two hours and the businesses were in full agreement that something must be done. After that meeting, RNA met with Mayor McCann and a police escort. We walked him through the neighborhood from Ogden and Franklin, along Franklin to Webster Street, down Webster Street to Griffith Street, down Griffith Street to Palisade Avenue and then back to Franklin. We stopped and talked to various residents and neighbors who told the Mayor about the crime problem and expressed their fear and anger about the situation.

After seeing the state of the area, McCann promised to put a walking patrolman on a beat of Franklin Street from Ogden Avenue to Webster Street. As we go to press, neighbors have reported that a policeman is now walking that area during the day and evening. The continuing presence of the TPU continues to irritate the local hoods and RNA is continuing to give them any information that will help in this effort. People are hopeful that this will cut down on the crime.

Unfortunately, the police presence is just one part of the work that needs to be done. RNA is now reaching out to the Division of Property Conservation, the Fire Dept. and the Health Dept. to begin a systemic inspection of all the buildings on Palisade Avenue to look for violations, such as illegal living units, overcrowded apartments, lack of smoke detectors and fire escapes, lack of adequate garbage storage and disposal and no working superintendent responsible for the care and maintenance of the buildings. RNA feels that owners, especially absentee landlords, should take responsibility for this crime problem also. [The extent of this problem with landlords not maintaining their property was evidenced by the large fire on Palisade Avenue on March 26th when 302-306 Palisade were destroyed by fire. These buildings, all owned by a Walter Rettig of North Brunswick, N.J., were vacated by the City last winter and boarded up because of serious violations. Neighbors reported that the vacant buildings were being used for drug dealings. The cause of the fire is very suspicious.] The Division of Traffic Engineering has been contacted to see if the street lighting on the Avenue can be improved and the Division of Sanitation has been informed of the garbage and litter problem.

The Mayor has accepted RNA's invitation to come to the next monthly meeting on April 10th and discuss the situation with the residents.

COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 7:30 PM

AT THE HARBORVIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER: **GERALD McCANN**
MAYOR OF JERSEY CITY

THE RNA SIXTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Those hazy, lazy days of summer will soon be upon us and there's no better way to spend them then with your friends at RNA. Our Sixth Annual Flea Market will be held this June 9th, a Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. So we don't want any excuses why you can't stop by and share some good ole times with us.

It's a time for all neighbors and friends to spend a couple of hours together and have a lovely day. As we did last year, we shall have plenty of tables and vendors displaying goods to be sold. Our RNA table will once again be set up with donated articles you may want to browse through. If you wish to donate lamps, dishes, clothes or whatever else you have laying around your basements and attics, you may as long as they're in good condition. These items will be sold and the proceeds shall go into our treasury. Should you want to donate any items, bring them to the Flea Market early in the day. "Used but not abused items only!"

"Space only" is available at $10 for non-members and table rentals are $7 for RNA members (see attached application).

Aside from the many vendors, we will also have baked goods, hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, coffee and sodas for sale. Your donation of homemade cookies and cakes will help make this a financial success. We haven't forgotten that some of you are on special diets, so we have a little bit for everybody. Our main concern is that all of you have a pleasant time with us. Fingerprinting our children will again be free of charge, so please take advantage of this service. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle drawing.

We had such a good time last year meeting our neighbors that we would like all those who came last summer to bring along some friends. Neighborhoods are made richer by people in them who care: show us you're one of those neighbors, come down to Riverview Park on June 9th, we look forward to seeing you there!

GERT BOGDAN

(RAIN DATE for the flea market will be the following Saturday, June 16th.)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The FLEA MARKET is a big operation and we really need YOUR help. If you can do any of the following, please call Kathy Brennan at 963-0402.

Clean up Park (morning of Flea Market)
Pick up tables for transfer to park
Set up tables
Price items for RNA tables
Price baked goods
Work at RNA table
Work at baked goods table
Work at Hot Dog Stand
Advertising : Vendors, Posters etc.
Break down tables
Return tables.

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
SIXTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
REGISTRATION FORM

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Address:_____

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Phone No.:_____

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CALL 659-6575

PRICES:
1) RNA MEMBERS - $7.00 : TABLE RENTAL
(The supply of tables is limited and will be rented on a first come basis; after that there will be only spaces available at the same price.)

2) NON-MEMBERS - $10.00: SPACE ONLY

ALL MONEY IS DUE NO LATER THAN
JUNE 6, 1990

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By participating as a seller in the RNA Flea Market, I agree not to sell any food items, pornographic or obscene material or drug paraphernalia. If I violate this agreement, I will forfeit my right to participate and leave the flea market.

Signature :_____

Make checks payable to RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.
Send Money to GERT BOGDAN 279 PALISADE AVENUE, JERSEY CITY, N.J. 07307
ATTENTION: FLEA MARKET

ELECTION RESULTS

The results are history. The RNA executive officers for this year are Vito Brunetti, Chairman; Hank Cesare, Vice-Chairman, Maria Tuzzo, Secretary; Jack Rea, Treasurer and Dennis Elgrim, Sergeant at Arms.

The vote was taken at the March meeting and the entire slate was elected by a majority. When the meeting began, nominations were still open. Maria Tuzzo, who was nominated for Chairperson (as well as Secretary), Bill Lo Pinto, nominated for Vice-Chairman and Gert Bogdan, nominated for Treasurer, declined their nominations. A motion was then made from the floor to accept the entire slate into office. The remaining nominees were voted into office by a majority. Congratulations to all the officers and our thanks to Valerie Rea, who retired as Treasurer.

MEETING MINUTES

The March meeting of RNA played host to Mr. Marty Robins of the N J Transit Authority. Mr. Robins gave us some insight into what plans are being made for mass transit in Hudson County and in particular, the Heights area. Our proximity to two major links to New York, the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, makes our area a prime target for commuters.

Specific topics included the proposed busiane, at the foot of the cliff, below our neighborhood, Ted Conrad's plan for using existing raillines for a commuter rail system and the desire for a non-polluting mass transit system in the County. There was also much discussion about existing bus routes and the failure of the NJ Transit to provide adequate service for the residents. Mr. Robins stated that other ideas are being proposed to handle the increased traffic load and he has promised to keep us informed about any plans that will affect our area.

The other major event at the March meeting was our election of officers for 1990-1991.

We had a few updates regarding the coming flea market; the proposed Hoboken "gasifier"; the Heights Neighborhood Coalition; and the ever present area crime.

Refreshments this month were distinctly "Irish" in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to all those members who contributed.

It was also brought out that our meetings are running a bit long. Guidelines will be set up limiting speakers and discussion times. This should enable us to discuss neighborhood business as well as the topics slated for the evening.

Join us next month, April 10th, 7:30 p.m., at the Harborview Health Care Center when our guest speaker will be Mayor Gerald McCann.

Maria Tuzzo, Secretary

RNA SPRING CLEANUP

It's time for the annual NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP. That's the time when everybody cleans out their basements, garages, yards, and closets and throws out all that junk that they've been saving for no apparent reason. It's part of our neighborhood project to clean up our community by cleaning our homes and apartments and making our blocks a clean and attractive place to live and visit. This year, as in the past, we have ordered three dumpsters from the Incinerator Authority to be placed at different locations in the neighborhood for one weekend.

THE DATES: SATURDAY, JUNE 2RD
SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD

LOCATIONS OF DUMPSTERS:
A) CUNEO PLACE
B) FERRY STREET
C) GRIFFITH STREET
(ALL DUMPSTERS WILL BE LOCATED ON THESE STREETS BETWEEN PALISADE AND OGDEN AVENUES.)

THANKS TO JCIA AND CLEAN COMMUNITES!

RNA MEETS WITH PALISADE AVENUE BUSINESSES

Recently RNA invited all the owners of businesses on Palisade Avenue to a special meeting which was held March 19th. Five different businesses: Palisade Lumber, Billiards Spectacular, the Bacunayagua Restuarant , Wilma's Beauty Salon, and the Harborview Health Care Facility attended the meeting which lasted about two hours.

The aim of the meeting was to see if the businesspeople had any ideas on how to solve the problems of garbage/litter and crime on Palisade Avenue.

The executive Committee of RNA had thought that the formation of a Businessmen's Association would be a great help. However, those in attendance at the meeting felt that as a group they would have a greater impact if they become a part of the RNA.

Two things that were decided that we would work on is better lighting on Palisade Avenue and better clean up of the streets and sidewalks. RNA has contacted the Division of Traffic Engineering to request a survey along the Avenue to determine the need to increase the number of lights and the installation of brighter bulbs. The Division of Sanitation has stated that the storeowners are required by law to sweep and clean their sidewalks and streetfronts three times-a-day: morning, afternoon and closing time. Other pressing problems are the safety of residents who wish to shop on Palisade Avenue and those who wish to avail themselves of public transportation. Everyone agreed this would take longer to clear up and would require the cooperation of the Police Department and the residents to accomplish.

Maria Tuzzo

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

A) The Board of Freeholders recently considered a proposal to place a well respected Union City day care center in Washington Park on the Jersey City-Union City border. The concern of many residents was not with the investment in a day care center bu t the use of parkland - open space- for the location of this new facility. There were also the problems of a) a lack of information about this project, b) the appearance of a rushed decision and c) a not clearly defined County policy on Day Care Centers. Ultimately, the Freeholders voted to fund the project BUT NOT TO PLACE IT IN ANY COUNTY PARK. RNA , as part of a large community effort, would like to thank Joe Duffy and Ted Conrad, all the Freeholders, especially our Jersey City representatives: Roman, O'Malley, Colon and Braker and all the many neighborhood and block associations who voiced their objections to this project.

B) On March 26th, the Palisade Avenue Block Association (a neighborhood group located near Christ Hospital) had a meeting to discuss the Hospital's plans to build a day care center on their property at 110 Palisade Avenue, with Harry Schwartz, a consultant for the Hospital. The facility, which would be a one-story building of approx. 4400 sq. ft., would house about seventy-five children. There would also be a playground and off street parking. The all-day program would cost $120./week per child . Some of the concerns of the local residents are that there be 1) a guaranteed number of places for local children (the reason being that the initial purpose of this center is to accommodate the hospital employees); 2) an adequate security system (fencing, lighting, and patrolling) at the back of the property on the Palisade cliffs and 3) an understanding that this proposal is not tied into any previous, or future project of the Hospital's to build a large garage on the cliffs. The surrounding community is still distrustful of the Hospital because of that previous proposal, which was withdrawn last fall because of the resident's objections. This day care project goes before the Planning Board on April 18th for site plan approval. Any one interested, please contact the neighborhood group, c/o Scott Seale at 792-4756.

C) THE HEIGHTS COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS met on March 26 to discuss a long list of problems. They included the status of the dumping and the testing of chromium-tainted soil as landfill into Reservoir #2 and the potential problems with the opening of a teenage disco-nightclub, Teen Nation, on Hoboken Avenue, at the site of the old Wilson's Carpet Warehouse: including violence, drinking and drugs, inadequate parking and the fear of large numbers of young adults congregating in the local neighborhoods after the place closes. In regards to the status of the reservoirs, it was decided to hold a special Coalition meeting on April 16th with the new HED project manager, Joseph Murphy and the recently hired architectural firm. The next regular meeting of the Coalition is April 30th, when Councilman Dan Waddleton has been invited to answer the complaints of the members, concerning his lack of leadership in the Heights.

D) The granting of the air quality permit for the gasification project to be built in Hoboken, has been given a thirty day extension (till April 15th) by the DEP because of the requests by the three mayors of Hoboken, Union City and Weehawken, local assemblymen and numerous environmental and neighborhood associations. All these people complained about the potential pollution problems that this project would create in these densely populated area. During this extension period, the Tri-City Sewage Authority will be investigating environmentally-safe sludge disposal alternatives and reporting to the DEP, the continuing efforts of a citizen's petition drive against the gasification plant and attempts to contact U.S. Senators Bradly and Lautenberg to intervene in this crisis. The Waterfront Coalition also held a meeting with the manufacturers of the gasification plant for a detailed description of the process.

E) On March 14th, the Air Quality Subcommittee of the NJ Transit's Hudson River Waterfront Transportation Project discussed the issue of air monitoring versus air modeling. The concern of the citizen representatives at this meeting was that there is a real need to first gather precise information about the air quality in the area of the two Hudson tunnels and the waterfront so that there can be an accurate projection of air pollution levels in the future. This can only be done through the process of installing numerous air monitoring stations throughout the area. The transit officials and the air quality experts countered by stating that their mission was not to determine the overall air pollution levels of the area but only to determine the relative levels of air pollution of the proposed transit plans. For this purpose they have decided to use computer modeling, with existing air quality records as a basis for their work. The meeting ended on these points of disagreement.

(This month's newsletter is dedicated to the memory of James Drago, a local environmental activist. The following Conrad's Corner and the next two letters are written by people who knew him well and worked with him on his many environmental campaigns.)

CONRAD'S CORNER

Jack Drago will long be remembered for his untiring and often single handed efforts to save the Palisades when all odds seemed to be against him. Over the years, he was the greatest citizen activist we ever had.

While the Citizens Committee of Hudson County was making an all out effort to save the Courthouse, Jack Drago discovered the County was going to sell 6 1/2 acres of North Hudson Braddock Park, so that Bernie Kenney, J.V. Kenny's nephew could build two twenty story apartment buildings on the site which would have cut off the view of the river and New York from the park.

Jack Drago wasted no time and had his attorney, Jesse Moscowitz, file a suit against the County and won a landmarks court case which prevented the County from divesting itself of parkland.

At the same time, he kept prodding me to fill out the forms to have the Courthouse declared a State and National historic site, all of which then cut off the fourteen million in funds Bernie Kenney had planned to use for building a new parking garage and jail on the site of the Courthouse.

Although Jack Drago saved the citizens of Hudson County millions of dollars worth of parkland, he never received any monetary compensation and never ever expected anything for all his work.

The Citizens Committee of Hudson County, of which he was a member, is making plans to have a memorial plaque placed along the six and a half acre walkway of North Hudson Braddock Park, facing the view to be called Jack Drago Overlook, which he saved for future generations to enjoy.

LETTERS

1)The following two letters are written in memory of James Drago:

James Drago touched the lives of each one of us in Hudson County, yet most of the area's 640,000 people never even heard his name. Now, the man who started the environmental movement in the County back in 1929 is dead. He will not be forgotten nor will his name fade away.

Jack, as close friends called him, lived a wonderful life of concern and sharing. He founded and headed for 60 years the Save the Palisades Association. And save the Palisades he did from attempts to build on the face of them. He raised the consciousness of a county as to the importance of saving our fragile, overburdened environment when no one else seemed to care. He spoke out, sent letters, attended official meetings, organized protests and even went to court to stop Hudson County from selling off parts of North Hudson Braddock Park for a private development. (that site today is a natural sanctuary).

Jack was an active member and officer of the Citizens Committee of Hudson County, which fought to save the trees along Kennedy Boulevard. He was guiding light during the battle to prevent an oil desulphurization plant from settling in Weehawken Cove back in 1970. He was a key player in the 3 year effort to prevent an oil tank farm from scourging the area on the Hoboken/Weehawken border.

This man, who lived all his life in Union city, a landlocked densely populated city with no waterfront, was a champion for public outdoor space, especially along the river edge. He was a founder in 1977 of the Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen - a group which lobbied for and obtained regulations for the creation of the Hudson River Walkway, a 30 foot wide public walk along the riverfront from the George Washington Bridge to Bayonne. A portion of the Walkway may be seen today at Lincoln Harbor.

Jack was an unassuming, modest man. He never pushed himself forward. If he spoke out, it was to further a cause or get people to see their surroundings in a different light. He never sought publicity for himself; he let others take the credit.

Fortunately, before his long life ended on March 8th, he did receive recognition. In 1977, Jack received the United Sates Environmental Protection Agency's Special Award of Merit for 47 years of caring for the environment. In 1985, the Regional Plan Association dedicated its 30-page report on the Hudson River Waterfront called River City to "James S. Drago of Union city in recognition of his half century of devoted service on behalf of Palisades protection and sound waterfront planning."

The week of April 22 starts Earth Week. How appropriate it would be to proclaim one day of that week as James S. Drago Day in ecognition of its illustrious environmentalist?

Whether you knew this man or not, we all owe him our thanks for having made our lives a lot better. Now what other than that would you call a wonderful life?

Helen Manogue, Coordinator
Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen

To: Robert Menendez, Assemblyman, 33rd District:

.....I will long remember Mr. Drago for his commitment to the environment and his willingness to speak out for whast he believed was right.

It is my understanding that Union City is in the process of dedicating a new pocket park. If this is the case I would like to submit for your consideration the name of James. S. Drago for the park's name. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor. this would indeed be a lasting tribute to a champion of the environment - a man who cared and fought for parks, open space and his community.

I believe thast his environmental friends and organizations would be willing to contribute for a plaque in his honor.

David C. Kronick, Assemblyman
32nd District, Hudson County

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2) POLLUTION AND CRIME:

Look - times are changing, so the Tri-City Sewage Authority wants to put an incinerator in our front yard! Meanwhile our back yards are full of burglars. Well, let's do something about these problems. First, get on the phone and call your councilman and let him/her know how you feel. Write letters to your mayor, governor & congressmen. Next, take some action at the home front by getting a dog, putting on some lights in your backyard at night, install a burglar alarm at home. Things are looking up - I've seem foot patrolmen around the neighborhood so someone is listening to our cries. It proves that if you take some action, the tables can turn in our favor.

Next, be present at any future meetings on the incinerator and voice your objections to it. Unfortunately, I do believe it is going up so let's make sure that it is monitored and run correctly. Make the people running it accountable for any mishaps. Yes, I believe it is going up and that we are being railroaded into this by the federal government with the grant money and the state D.E.P. with its disinformation meetings and attitudes. Now we just can't go on dumping more raw sewerage into the ocean and polluting the water. On the other hand, the incinerator will also cause polution of its own - the type

we breathe in.

Garbage - Recycling - Waste Management -- the catch words of the nineties. Well, let's stop dropping newspapers, candy wrappers or anything else on the streets including cigarette butts because it all adds up as refuse on our streets and sidewalks. Now that seems simple enough. The job is hard and the city does a good job of getting it cleaned up but we could help also. Let's implement some action of our own - clean in front of your house or apartment. Let's have a spring cleanup that we can be proud of. Let's give RNA t-shirts out to kids who get involved and give them some pride in their area. All it means is that sometimes you have to get involved and do something. You will have the satisfaction of knowing you made a difference.

Ernest Quintero
RNA Member #57

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3) Thanks to RNA:

It's always so nice to get the newsletter, (which is looking very upscale, by the way, with the new typesetting) and to think of the neighborhood, of RNA and my friends there. You are sorely missed, and I'm sorry it's been so long since I last wrote.....I've enclosed dues for the last four years, realizing I've been pretty negligent. Hope the flea market this year's the best yet. Give my regards to all at RNA.

Ellen Boggs

(Ellen was one of RNA's first secretaries. She has moved to Washington, D.C.and has been acting in a lot of mystery plays, Shakespeare and experimental theatre. If you happen to go to our Nation's Capital, look for Ellen to be in a play. The rest of us will have to wait until she comes to Broadway.)

JERSEY CITY MUSEUM

The Jersey City Museum is offering the following courses:

1) A unique opportunity for knitters of all levels to improve their skills by working on sweater projects with Nancy Thomas, knitting editor of Vogue Knitting International Magazine.

Dates: 4/7, 4/21, 4/28. 5/5 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Fee: $15 for members - $20 for non-members

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2) Leah Jacobson, sculptor, introduces students to the fundamentals of sculpture using a variety of materials including wood, wire, and clay.

Dates: 4/7, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 1 p.m. -3 p.m.
Fee: $20 for members - $25 for non-members

The Jersey City Museum is located on the 4th floor of the Main Library at Jersey Avenue and Montgomery Street.

SUMMER DAYCAMP

The Educational Arts Team, Inc., a program of the Jersey City Department of Human Resources, is pleased to announce that they are beginning registration for Camp Liberty, 1990. The Camp will run for 8 weeks, beginning July 2nd and ending August 24th: Mondays through Fridays (9 AM-3:30 PM).

This year's summer camp will include storytelling, drama, games, music, art, softball, swimming, basketball, volleyball, sing-a-longs, and much more. Children 6-12 may attend.
Transportation is available.

Camp fees are $50 per week for each individual child. For groups of 10 or more picked up at the same site, the cost is $40 per child.

For information and applications, please call 432-1911 or 432-1912.

NHS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Neighborhood Housing Services of Jersey City is holding is 8th Annual Membership Meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, 4/30, at the Casino in the Park. The cost of the dinner is $10.00. If you wish to attend call Dena Mainor at 432-2530 or Margaret Toeffer at 420-1843.

NACHO NACHO DIP A LA MADELINE

1 lb. lean ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
32 ozs. refried beans
8 ozs. picante sauce
3 Cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
1/4 Cup chopped onion greens
1 avocado, peeled, seeded & mashed
1 Cup sour cream
Tortilla chips

Saute ground beef and onion until meat is lightly browned, drain and season to taste. In a baking dish (at lease 10 x 15) evenly spread refried beans and then the meat mixture. Cover with cheese and drizzle with picante sauce. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until hot. Remove from over and sprinkle with onion greens. Put the mashed avocado in the center and surround it with dollops of sour cream. Tuck tortilla chips around the sides and serve.

Valentine Day Card Project

Our February newsletter asked for cards that were to be sent to the VA Hospitals. Thanks to the Torres kids: Jay, Carlos & Stephanie who brought the newsletter's color pages to their classes in P.S.No. 8. A special thanks to their teachers: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. O'Leary and Mrs. Sims

and classmates who took the time to make these and other special valentines for the veterans. I am sure they were very appreciated by those veterans that received them. You kids did a great job!

HELP SUPPORT RNA

RNA's annual membership fee of three dollars ($3.00) for 1990 is due. Official membership entitles people living within RNA's boundaries - voting privileges on all matters that are brought before the association at the monthly general meetings(the boundaries are Bowers Street on the north, Palisade Avenue on the west, Ogden Avenue on the east and Cuneo Place on the south). Members are also allowed to run for office in the association as Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt.-at-Arms. For people living outside the area, membership dues entitle them to receive the RNA monthly newsletter and attend the monthly meetings as active non-voting participants. In general, monies collected from the dues help defray the cost of mailing our monthly newsletter, pay for refreshments, stamps for correspondence and other expenses incurred in running our Association.

Again the amount is $3.00 for the year. Please bring your dues in person to the April 10th meeting or make your check payable to the Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail it to RNA, 232 Ogden Ave, Jersey City, New Jersey 07307. Be sure to include your return address so that your membership card can be sent to you.

RABIES

Rabies is a viral disease of animals and humans that can be spread through a bite or scratch. If the virus reaches your central system it causes inflammation of the brain and is virtually always fatal. The earliest symptom of this dangerous disorder is fever and a general sense of illness, as in any viral infection. After 2 or 3 days, however, you become irrational and have violent mouth and throat spasms. These spasms are made worse by the sight of water. Death is likely to occur within a few days.

A safe, reliable rabies vaccination is now available and anyone who comes into regular contact with wild animals or domestic dogs should be protected by regular vaccination. If you have been bitten or scratched by an animal that may be rabid, see a physician without delay. The animal should be captured, if possible, but not destroyed. Tests can be done to determine if the animal has rabies. Meanwhile, you will probably be given a series of vaccinations to help prevent the disease from developing. You can help prevent rabies by having your pets immunized. This will help protect both people and your pets from contracting the disease.

(BEWARE: There is an outbreak of rabies among raccoons from the Delaware River to New Jersey and New York. Staten Island and Hudson County are possible locations where the disease might spread. Raccons are unintimidated by people - indeed they are attracted by their garbage cans - and often fight with dogs and cats and therefore can be a health threat to people.)

GETTING THE LEAD OUT

Since 1986, it's been illegal in the United States to use lead of lead solder in plumbing systems providing drinking water. But because many structures were built before then, lead is still being found in the water supplies of many buildings and homes.

Children who ingest high levels of lead may develop learning disabilities over the long term; also, pregnant women may develop complications from drinking contaminated water.

If you have lead pipes or solder joints in your plumbing, corroding pipes, or stained fixtures or laundry, consider having your water tested. Contact your local health department to see who does testing.

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PAUL M. DE PASCALE
HUDSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

EARTH DAY

Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22nd this year. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone cleaned up just in front of their own house so we could have a nice clean neighborhood? Try it you might like it and believe me, your neighbors will love you for it.

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ADVERTISERS

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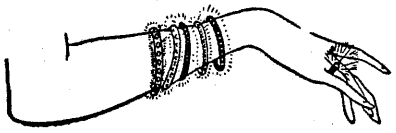
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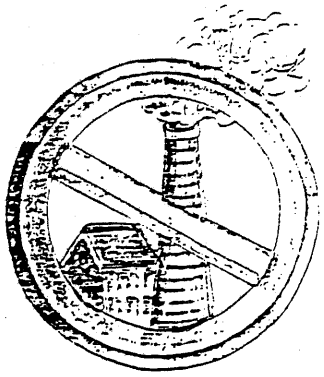

DO YOU KNOW

THAT HOBOKEN, UNION CITY AND WEEHAWKEN WILL BE USED AS A TEST SITE FOR A NEW SLUDGE GASIFIER ?

THAT IT WILL EJECT DANGEROUS CHEMICALS SUCH AS: LEAD, CHROMIUM, MERCURY, BENZOPYRENE, ARSENIC, AND SULPHUR DIOXIDE ?

THAT THE TOP OF THE 100 FOOT SMOKE STACK WILL BE LOCATED JUST BELOW GROUND LEVEL FOR RESIDENTS OF THE PALISADES ?

THAT THIS HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL SLUDGE DISPOSAL TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN REJECTED BY NEW YORK CITY AND OTHER N.J. COMMUNITIES ?

THAT THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN AND OURSELVES IS AT STAKE ?

ASK YOURSELF

WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT AFRAID TO MONITOR THE EXISTING AIR QUALITY IN THIS AREA?

WHO WILL PROFIT FROM THIS COSTLY EXPERIMENT?

WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP IT?

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

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